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Majority prices were lower in the West, mostly unchanged in all other areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was slow to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Wings were balanced to tight and moving well. Breast items and dark meat were at least adequate or readily available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 09-JAN-2006.

(cents per lb) US GRADE A		COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	61.19	21
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.05	38 :	57.73	77
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	52.95	26
Denver	76.50	76.29	13 :	77.05	14
Detroit	54.00-56.00	60.00	6 :	61.02	55
Los Angeles	77.00	74.98	54 :	69.72	131
New York	55.00-58.00	56.92	24 :	59.51	54
Philadelphia	54.50-56.00	55.27	11 :	55.25	22
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.64	11 :	62.21	58
St. Louis	54.50	53.82	20 :	56.21	34
San Francisco	77.50	76.77	31 :	78.39	62

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/09/06	Change/Last Wk	01/02/06	01/10/05
554	63.39	.06	63.33	72.01

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	59.00-61.00	59.77	35
Central	50.00-60.00	59.27	83
Western	57.00-64.00	63.70	34

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.00-70.00	68.41	91
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,123	55.00-74.00	69.56
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	138.00	1,326
BREASTS - B/S	108.00	5,657
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.50	1,416
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	1,006
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	8,154
WINGS	89.50	2,983

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair entering the week. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Breast items were at least adequate to readily available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best for fast food and sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Wings were balanced to tight and continued to move well. Breast items were at least adequate, and dark meat was available with thighs and thigh meat in the best balances. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were 1 cent lower throughout the region. Trade sentiments were about steady. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery at lower prices on regular commitments and mixed prices on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate overall for immediate needs. Buyers' interest was fair to fairly good. Retailer demand fairly good overall, best to cover specials in progress. Dealers reported mainly moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .23 to 59.73 and the volume reported was at the unchanged level of 26 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The trade sentiment on broiler/fryers was steady on adequate offerings. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate. Floor stocks were in balance, weights in a desirable range. Supplies of wings were tight to short of needs; balance of items adequate. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and boneless dark meat cuts; steady on bone-in dark meat cuts; and barely steady to weak on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair entering the week. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Other items were adequate to fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity improved slightly entering the week and was noted as fair to moderate at best. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were readily available and competitively priced; bone-in breasts at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were in close balance. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings and boneless skinless thigh meat; barely steady for breast cuts. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	100	94.15	564,120
TENDERLOINS	90-95	90.14	87,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	60.17	42,900
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	49.90	90,340
LEGS	39-40	40.30	123,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	23.70	331,840
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.01	68,040
THIGHS	32-33	41.77	42,380
B/S THIGHS	99-100	88.65	88,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	92.42	164,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.61	18,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	50.76	7,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.41	17,080

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,176	77.00-181.00	79-90	97.75
TENDERLOINS	206	67.00-244.00	-	91.87
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	726	19.00-27.00	21-22	21.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,089	21.00-30.00	21	22.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,361	23.00-34.00	23-25	24.72

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	01/09	01/05	01/05	01/02	12/29
Alabama	4,138	4,041	5.38	1,192	5.26
Arkansas	5,462	5,356	5.24	(A)	5.25
Delmarva	2,323	2,318	5.79	1,177	5.83
KY-LA-TN	2,321	2,235	5.16	1,540	5.16
Mississippi	2,811	3,065	5.49	(A)	5.76
North Carolina	2,487	2,533	6.71	(A)	6.64
Texas	2,530	2,511	5.37	1,493	5.14
Total	22,072	22,059	5.53	7,251	5.52
Mon	22,072(B)			7,251(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Jan 2005 is estimated to be 33,022,000 up 203.48 percent from a week ago. and up 4.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 10,881,000 last year 31,754,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	490	82.00-109.00	85-88	87.66
TENDERLOINS	163	72.00-139.00	-	85.41
BREAST - LINE RUN	127	52.00-63.00	-	53.73
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	288	27.00-48.00	30-32	30.50
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	668	18.00-24.00	20-21	20.41
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	874	20.00-30.00	22-24	22.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	83.00-92.00	85-87	87.62
WINGS (CUT)	255	100.00-114.00	104-106	108.51
DRUMSTICKS	281	24.00-48.00	27-29	29.53
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JANUARY 9, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.00 - 39.00	36.32	36.45

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 09-JAN-TO 13-JAN-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	82.00 - 108.00	85.00 - 98.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.00 - 74.00	57.00 - 61.00
LEGS	39.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 33.00	24.00 - 26.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	25.00 - 34.00	26.00 - 28.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 - 29.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	83.00 - 103.00	92.00 - 95.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 70.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82.75-100.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	86.25-103.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-190

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — **PRICES** — **VOLUME** —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.00-18.00	480,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	14.00-16.00	1,952,000	1,352,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.20	15.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — **PRICES** — **VOLUME** —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	10.00-19.00	1,689,200	367,200
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	14.16		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to no better than moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fair to moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25	11-13	12.17
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were light. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.09

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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